




C.V. Starr Foundation establishes scholarship fund

The C.V. Starr Foundation of New York, N.Y., has awarded Gallaudet a \$250,000 grant to establish the C.V. Starr Scholarship Fund.

Money from the fund will be awarded on an annual basis based upon the scholarship needs of the University as determined by the provost in consultation with the president.

The C.V. Starr Foundation was established in 1955 by Cornelius Vander Starr, who founded the American International family of insurance and financial service companies, now known as American International Group, Inc. It makes grants in a number of areas, including education, medi-

cine and healthcare, public policy, human needs, culture, and the environment. In 2001, the Starr Foundation made a \$500,000 gift toward the Student Academic Center.

"We are extremely pleased the C.V. Starr Foundation has established a Scholarship Fund at Gallaudet," said Catherine Sweet-Windham, executive director for institutional advancement. "This scholarship fund will help students in need of financial assistance to reach their goal of receiving a top quality education and become productive leaders in the field of deafness in the future." 

WDL Program restructured to provide Gallaudet scholarships

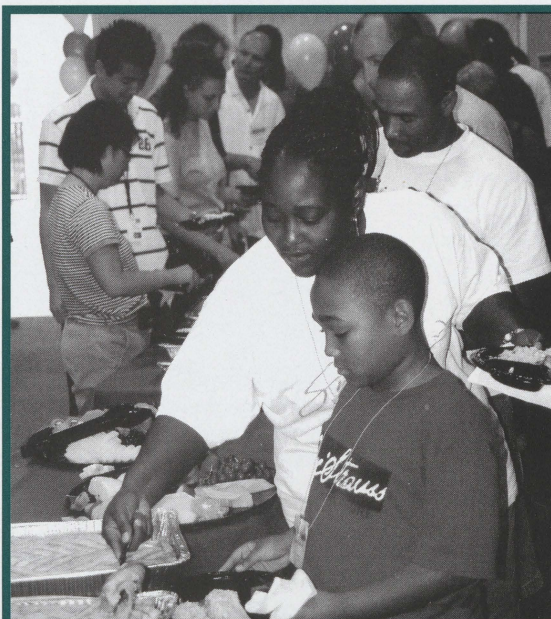
The World Deaf Leadership Program, established in 1997 through a \$3 million gift from the Nippon Foundation of Tokyo, Japan, has been restructured in support of scholarships for Gallaudet students from developing countries. The change was made recently with the approval of the foundation and the University.

The World Deaf Leadership Scholars Fund, as it is now called, will provide deaf and hard of hearing students from developing nations—known as WDL Scholars—with financial assistance at Gallaudet University for full tuition, room, board, and, if applicable, the cost of participating in up to two internships related to achieving a degree or a certificate from the University. Also, each WDL Scholar will have a mentor—

a member of the Gallaudet community who will serve as important support for the scholar. Preference will be given to students who have already worked within the deaf community in their own country. Scholars will also be required to indicate a commitment toward returning home upon graduation and working toward the betterment of their community.

Currently, guidelines for this new scholarship program are being developed in hopes of announcing the first WDL Scholar during the fall semester. This scholarship program will reside in the newly named Office for International Programs and Services under the direction of the provost (and associate dean of the Center for

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Students in the Bridge Program and New Signers Program and their families gather in the Student Union Building's multipurpose room July 17 for a welcome reception. Twenty-two students participated in Bridge, a one-month program that focuses on enhancing English, math, and

other skills for students who are entering the University in the fall, and 21 took part in the New Signers Program. (Above) Clorina and Eugene Thibeaux and their son Roderick, 9, of Lafayette, La., enjoy the reception, after traveling to Gallaudet with their son, John Barras, who participated in Bridge. (Below) Norma Buemi (right), coordinator of orientation programs in Student Affairs, talks with Toni Gary of Atlanta, Ga., about new signer activities for her daughter, Brigitte Williams. (Also pictured are GIS interpreter Heather Harlan, second from left, and Melissa Flores, graduate assistant for NSP.)




Deafness/disability scholar, finance executive appointed to Board of Trustees

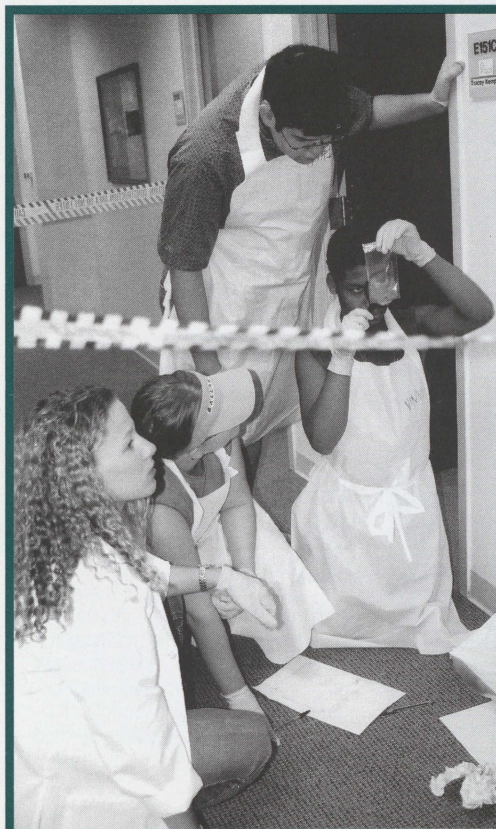
Board of Trustees Chair Glenn Anderson has announced the appointment of two new board member, Dr. Brenda Jo Brueggemann, an associate professor at Ohio State University, and Christopher D. Sullivan, III, vice president, manager of Merrill Lynch's Special Needs Financial Services.

Brueggemann is an associate professor in the Department of English and author of *Lend Me Your Ear: Rhetorical Constructions of Deafness*. She has done extensive research on disability issues and has won numerous awards and honors for her work. She is director of the First-Year Writing Program, co-coordinator of the American Sign Language Program, and co-coordinator of The Disability Studies Minor at OSU.

Sullivan began working for Merrill Lynch in 1987 as a technical analyst, and shortly thereafter convinced the company to create a

program designed to address the communication needs of deaf and hard of hearing people. In addition, Sullivan has guided Merrill Lynch in establishing a national program providing referrals to interpreters, closed-caption financial services videotapes, TTY access, and a series of educational seminars. These efforts resulted in serving over 5,100 deaf and hard of hearing clients with total assets exceeding \$765 million. In 1996, he inaugurated the Blind and Visually Impaired Service, and in 1999 established the Families of Children with Disabilities Program.

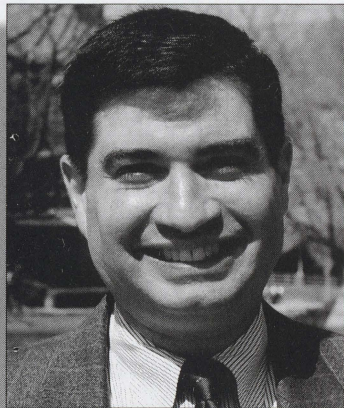
"The University is extremely fortunate to have Dr. Brueggemann and Mr. Sullivan on our Board of Trustees," said Dr. Anderson. "They not only bring high levels of expertise and diversified experience in their respective fields, but also energy and enthusiasm." 



Searching for clues following a "robbery" are participants in the Young Scholars' Program's "Crimes and Clues—Forensic Science" course, held July 13 to 25. Pictured are (from left): Natalie Ludwig (instructor), Kimberly Blake, Patrick Nolan, and Kevin Tua. The amateur sleuths collected evidence, analyzed it in the chemistry lab, determined through the lab analysis who was probably responsible for the crime, and presented the evidence in a mock trial.



Fred Weiner— serving the president



Fred Weiner

Fred Weiner, special assistant to the president for planning, is a Brooklyn bred guy who was born a few years after the Dodgers fled to the West Coast and around the time the Mets came into existence. Naturally, he's a diehard Mets fan.

Fred arrived at Gallaudet as a freshman in 1979, and after three years as a student he took some time off to work and save money. Getting a taste of life and experiencing the "school of hard knocks" has paid dividends in Fred's young career. When he re-enrolled, he hit the books, worked full-time, got married in 1985 to Lynn Ballard, and served as the head resident advisor in Peet Hall. In 1987, during his senior year, he had a light schedule and worked full time in the Alumni House from January to September to fill the gap when Mary Anne Pugin took leave to pursue her master's degree.

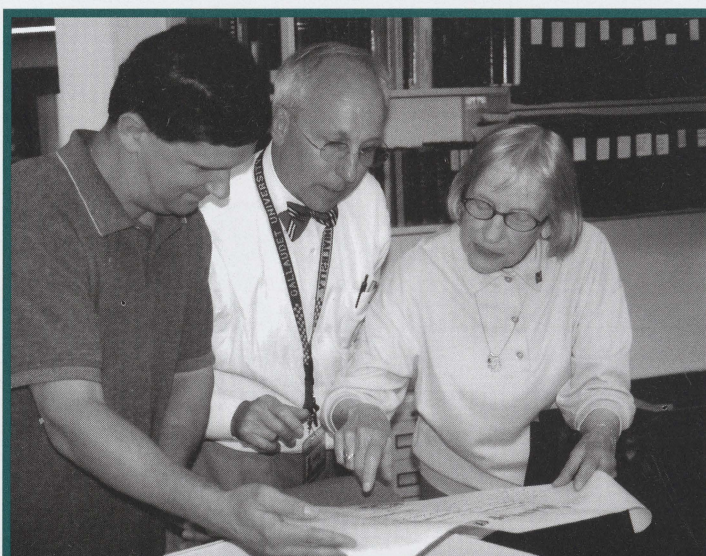
After he completed his degree requirements and when his stint with the Alumni Office concluded, Fred went to work for the National Association of the Deaf for almost

three years. It was during the fall of 1987 when the seed was planted for the Deaf President Now movement and Fred was one of the "ducks" of this historic milestone.

In May 1990, Fred accepted a position with the AT&T Relay in New Jersey as an account manager involved with strategic planning. He held seven different positions with AT&T during his nine-year career, including being the first deaf manager. In 1996, he was selected to participate as a Brookings Congressional Fellow for one year. He worked with Congressman Robert Andrews (D-NJ) and gained a wealth of experience and developed close contacts with members of Congress.

When Gallaudet announced the position of special assistant to the president for planning and congressional relations, Fred applied, and with his vast experience in this area he was offered the job in May 1999. He hopes this will be his final stop but not his final job. "I love Gallaudet, like many alumni," said Fred. "I have moved my family around quite a bit and now we want to set some roots."

Fred and his wife and two children, Allison Joy and Bethany, live in Germantown, Md. Both children attend the Maryland School for the Deaf and Lynn teaches sign language part time. She is also a wine connoisseur and gives workshops and presentations. Lynn, who graduated from Gallaudet in 1979, was an Olympic swimmer, winning four gold medals and one bronze in the 1973 World Games for the Deaf. She is in the Gallaudet Athletic Hall of Fame. **G**



Ann Peterson Tennis, who received her degree in deaf education from Gallaudet in 1943, donates photos of her uncle and aunt, Roy Stewart, Gallaudet class of 1899, and Ellen Stewart, class of 1917, to the Archives during a July 8 tour of Kendall Green with her son, Jon Tennis, daughter-in-law, Terri, and their children, Christopher, 18, Emily, 17, and Rachel, 13. Following graduation from Gallaudet, Tennis taught at Maryland School for the Deaf, Illinois School for the Deaf and, finally, Berkley School for the Deaf, for a career that spanned 31 years. She has established an endowed scholarship in honor of her aunt and uncle who, she says, inspired her to become a teacher of deaf children. Also pictured is Michael Zusi (center), director of major and planned giving in the Development Office, and archivist Andrew Budai.

Gallaudet prominent in Labor Department Workforce Recruitment Program placements

Maryland—closely followed by Virginia (third place) and the District of Columbia (tied for fifth place)—leads the nation in the more than 300 college students and recent graduates with disabilities placed in summer and permanent jobs since the Labor Department established its Workforce Recruitment Program in April. The announcement was made by U.S. Labor Secretary Elaine Chao in a recent press release from the Labor Department.

From the three local jurisdictions, Gallaudet and Montgomery

College each placed the highest number of students and recent graduates—15—through the WRP.

"President Bush, through his New Freedom Initiative, has placed a priority on recognizing the untapped employment potential of Americans with disabilities, and the need to expand job opportunities available to them," Chao said. "The Workforce Recruitment Program is succeeding in that mission and giving students with disabilities the break they need to launch successful working careers." **G**

WDL program

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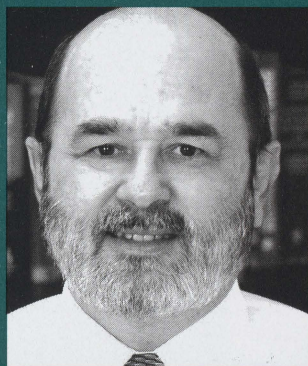
In 1997, the WDL program was established to prepare a core group of deaf leaders in developing countries to lead their communities in improving their standards of living and their contributions to society. The program made significant inroads in the deaf communities of South Africa and Thailand, but the Nippon Foundation and Gallaudet felt that potential deaf leaders could be better served by bringing them to Kendall Green, making the University's programs, mentors, internship opportunities, and other areas of expertise directly available to them.

"Although we saw important results in the WDL program in South Africa and Thailand, Gallaudet wanted to focus more attention on providing opportunities for our current and future students," said Provost Jane Fernandes. "The idea of providing students in other countries a Gallaudet education and experience permitted us to contribute directly to the lives of deaf people around the globe."

There is another benefit to restructuring the fund, according to Executive Director of Institutional Advancement Catherine Sweet-Windham. "Through this program and our WDL Scholars, Gallaudet is able to build stronger bridges with other countries through the work of our alumni." She used as an example the strong relationship Gallaudet has cultivated with Nigeria, thanks to the efforts of the late Andrew Foster, Gallaudet's first black, deaf graduate ('54), to bring schools for the deaf to that country. "So it's a win-win situation because of these ongoing relationships." **G**

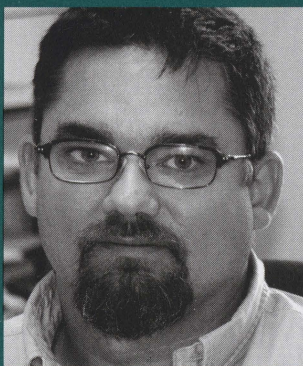
ROVING REPORTER

What are your feelings about the new security measures to access buildings in the historic area of campus?



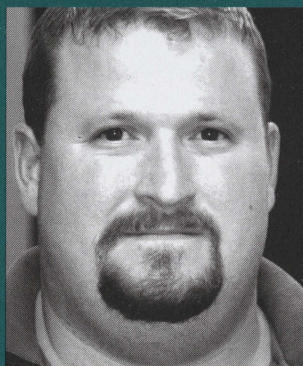
Mike Lockhart, manager, Contracts and Purchasing, College Hall:

Any security enhancements that will make me and everyone else on campus feel safe and secure are appreciated. I feel that Gallaudet University is still and will continue to be the safest place in the city.



Brent Klassen, payroll clerk, Payroll Office, College Hall:

I feel that it's great for Gallaudet because there will be less criminal incidents such as thefts and break-ins. Security will be able to catch anyone doing something like this by checking their ID's. Also, on weekends when I'm working overtime, I won't have to wait for Security to open the door for me.



Robert Tawney, user support technician, Information Technology Services, EMG:

It will be easier for us to enter the buildings with our Gallaudet ID's. The buildings will also be secure after working hours.



Elice Patterson, records assistant, Registrar's Office, College Hall:

To tell you the truth, I did not know the enhancements were installed. I am pleased to know things were done to make us feel safer.



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ASK AUNT SOPHIE

Dear Aunt Sophie,

What is the rationale for Gallaudet's long-standing policy of requiring faculty members to show letters of permission before allowing them access to their offices when the building is locked? An official identification card with a photo and "faculty" on it should be sufficient. Requiring a supervisory permission letter in addition makes the University look silly and is demoralizing to faculty members. An institution that can't trust its faculty members in their offices at any time...is in a very sad state and shouldn't be entrusting them with educating its students.

Just Trying To Do My Job

Dear Just Trying,

Auntie is unclear whether you simply do not have a key to the building in which your office is located, or if you resent having to let anyone on campus know when you are working here after hours. If it's a key/card issue, you merely have to ask your supervisor to upgrade your level of access. This is done all the time. However, if you are objecting to the notion of informing DPS which employees tend to burn the midnight oil and/or work weekends, then I fear you are missing the point. This does not represent a lack of trust, but a concern for campus security. Surely you agree that DPS has the right and responsibility to know when a building is occupied outside regular hours. This is as much for your safety (and others who venture onto campus at odd hours) as it is for the protection of the University. This said, you might have a suggestion or two for accomplishing this in a manner other than the one currently used. Let me know.


TDI recognizes Gallaudet, others for promoting equal access

TDI has recognized Gallaudet as one of 12 companies and two educational institutions for its extraordinary efforts in promoting equal access to telecommunications and media for consumers who are deaf, hard of hearing, late deafened, or deaf-blind, according to an August 1 press release from the Silver Spring, Md., organization.

TDI presented Dr. Judith Harkins, director of the Technology Access Program, with a print of the painting "America" by renowned deaf artist Chuck Baird at a July 16 appreciation night ceremony during TDI's 35th anniversary. "TDI com-

mends Gallaudet for its marked success over the years in the legislative and regulatory areas and in technology access," said TDI Executive Director Claude Stout. "We recognize that it has taken special commitment and allocation of resources to thoroughly research new and emerging technologies to ensure accessible and useable services for all consumers. As a result, deaf and hard of hearing Americans can fulfill their potential as full, active participants in the general mainstream, regardless of differences in culture, language and communication." He added, "It has

been a special pleasure collaborating with Dr. Harkins, her staff, Karen Peltz-Strauss, who currently holds the Powrie V. Doctor Chair of Deaf Studies, and many others as Gallaudet and TDI pursue the same goals of equal access."

Others recognized at the ceremony were: AOL, AT&T Relay, AT&T Wireless, Cingular Wireless, Communication Services for the Deaf, Inc., Hamilton Relay, MCI Global Relay, Microsoft, National Technical Institute for the Deaf at Rochester Institute of Technology, SBC, Sprint Relay, Ultratec, Inc., and Verizon. 



The world famous Taiko drummers, a group of six deaf and four hearing performers from the Nippon Taiko Foundation, perform in a free concert in Elstad Auditorium on June 30. Taiko, the Japanese Drum, is as old as the country of Japan itself. Taiko drumming has gained in popularity in recent years, with international concert tours.



Administration & Finance


Building access—safer and easier

The Access Control unit of the Department of Public Safety has been busy this summer making buildings in the historic section of campus safer by installing access control systems in the Edward Miner Gallaudet Building and College Hall.

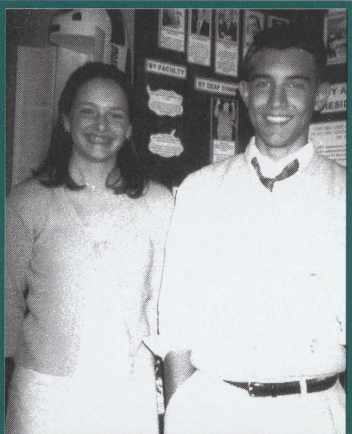
The system is similar to those already operational in most of the buildings on campus. It requires authorized persons to swipe their Gallaudet ID through a control monitor to gain entrance to the building after normal working hours or on weekends. The system has numerous report capabilities that gives DPS the ability to carefully monitor buildings after hours.

The Access Control unit asks each department for a list of people

authorized to enter the building after normal working hours. These names are programmed into the system to be allowed access. These authorized persons need a Gallaudet ID that has been issued within the last 18 months to gain access. Individuals with an older ID can obtain a new one from DPS at no cost.

Locksmith George Gateau anticipates the addition of access control systems to the rest of the buildings in the historic area of campus within the next two years. Anyone who has questions about the system can call Gateau at X5381 or e-mail him at george.gateau@gallaudet.edu.  (See 'Roving Reporter,' page 2, for reactions by four staff members.)

Each year high school students from around the country participate in National History Day, held at the University of Maryland. In 2003, more than 700,000 students entered the event, displaying work that shows exemplary research and creativity. Kim Simonson (left) of Maine worked with "History Through Deaf Eyes" director Jean Bergey to gather photographs and materials on the Deaf President Now revolution. Simonson and her exhibit partner, Josh Seal (right), took home a third place national award and placed first for the state of Maine.



NOTES FROM PERSONNEL

June service awards

Five years:

Lynne Murray, director, corporate/foundation relations, Development Office

Fifteen years:

Merrill Cargo, accounting clerk, Accounting; **Arlene Kelly**, assistant professor, ASL and Deaf Studies

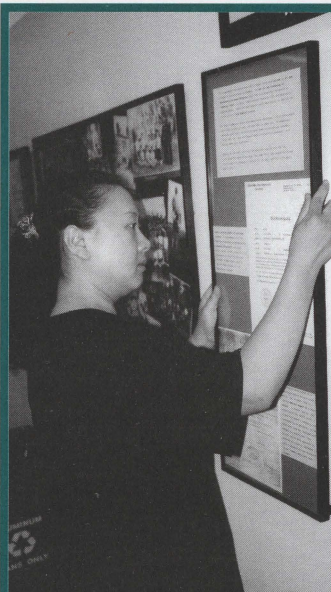
New employees hired in June:

Olugbenga Aina, director, Center for International Programs and Services; **Kenneth Bryant**, Sean Gill, residential night assistants, Clerc Center; **Ricardo Guzman**, public safety officer, Department of Public Safety;

Charity Jackson, teacher aide, Clerc Center; **Rhea Kennedy**, development associate, Development Office; **Sara Stallard**, production assistant, Gallaudet University Press; **Tammy Taylor**, administrative secretary II, Academic Advising

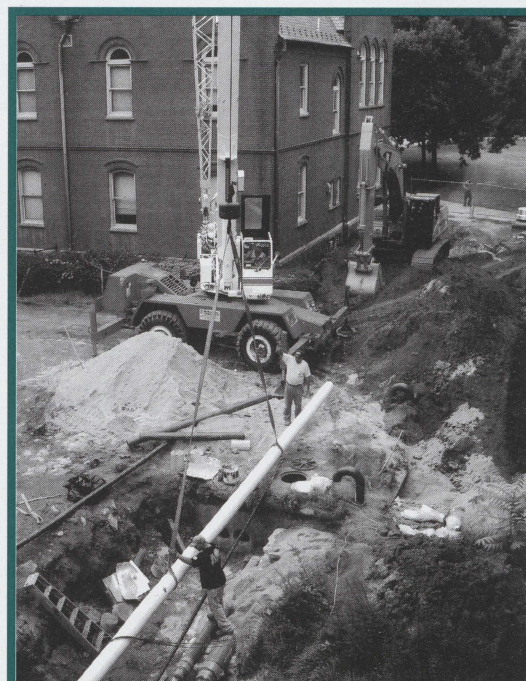
Promotions in June:

Rebecca Goldenbaum, prospective undergraduate student programs specialist, Admissions; **Shirley Hack-McCafferty**, administrative secretary II, Gallaudet Research Institute; **Lori Rolnick**, coordinator, individualized education plans, Clerc Center

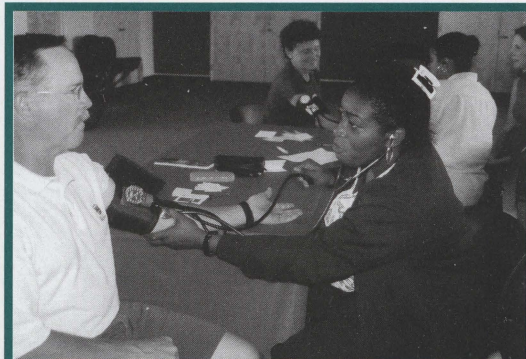


Shelby Jia, an intern in the Public Relations Office, repositions one of the pieces in the "In Der Nacht: Visions of Deaf Survivors of Nazi Oppression" exhibit in the lobby of the Edward Miner Gallaudet Building. In addition to repairing and reorganizing the exhibit, which has been a highlight for campus visitors since it went on view in 1990, Jia is creating an "In

Der Nacht" website to provide greater access to this popular exhibit and heighten awareness of the experiences of deaf Jews living in Nazi Germany and its influences on the works of deaf artists. The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of the month.



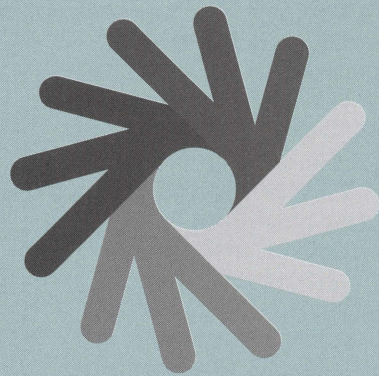
Trenches were dug on the east end of campus this summer to replace old and leaking steam and air conditioning lines servicing Ely Center, Kendall Hall, Dawes House, Fowler Hall, Elstad Auditorium, and the Field House. Last summer, lines were replaced from HMB and Washburn Arts, down to House One, including College Hall and the EMG Building. According to Joe Hatfield, manager of the Physical Plant Department, the work should be finished by the beginning of the fall semester, completing the approximately two miles of steam/AC line replacement to the lower end of campus. The lines to the upper end of Kendall Green are newer and are in tunnels, which make them easier to repair, said Hatfield. The lines that are being replaced are about 25 years old, he said, although workers have removed some old abandoned lines between Kendall Hall and Ely Center that date back to the early 1900s. The project is being done by M&M Welding of Rockville, Md.



James Hynes (foreground), coordinator of residence education for the Clerc Center, and Sherry Duhon (background), assistant director in the Office of Alumni Relations, get their blood pressure checked by Desna Laney, an outside health care professional, and Lee-Wilkins, Student Health Service director, respectively, at a July 15 blood pressure screening. Sixty-two people took advantage of the free screening sponsored by SHS, and gained valuable knowledge related to this vital aspect of their health.

AMONG OURSELVES

The Comité International des Sports des Sourds Management Team has selected a new and official logo design for the Deaflympics by **Ralph Fernandez**, WWW developer/designer in the Office of Public Relations and a 1985 Deaflympics silver medalist in 1000m-sprint cycling. In May 2001, the International Olympic Committee approved the request from CISS for a name change from Deaf World Games to Deaflympics. With input from delegates during the 38th CISS Congress in February 2003, the logo design was then modified and recently approved by the CISS Management Team. Fernandez was selected among deaf designers to finalize the design.



DEAFLYMPICS

Dr. Ann Graziadei, a professor in the Department of Physical Education and Recreation, was named July 12 by the State University of New York College at Cortland's alumni association with its highest honor, the Distinguished Alumna/Alumnus Award. Graziadei was chosen as recipient of the award for distinguishing herself in her career and for outstanding service to her community and alma mater. Among other things, Graziadei teaches emergency medical technician and first responder courses for the Fairfax County (Va.) Fire and Rescue Training Academy, has served as an athletic trainer with Deaflympics since 1989, and was a member of a Red Cross disaster action team involved on-site at Ground Zero at the Pentagon in the aftermath of September 11, 2001.

Deaf Italian businessman **Roberto Wirth**, a member of Gallaudet's Board of Associates, has been elected president of the Piazza di Spagna and Trinita dei Monti Association in Rome, with the responsibility of overlooking the world famous Spanish Steps area and the approximately 70 merchants who operate there. Wirth, who studied at Gallaudet and worked in the United States for nine years, is general manager of the five-star luxury Hotel Hassler, located at the top of the Spanish Steps. He also opened the first wine academy in Italy.

Thuan Nguyen, program specialist for Multicultural Student Programs, presented at the 16th annual National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in American Higher Education in San Francisco, Calif., on May 29. Nguyen, one of the first deaf individuals invited to speak before the group, presented on the status of Asian deaf people as a significant minority within the Asian community and within society in general. Based on her experience as a refugee from South Vietnam who went on to graduate from Gallaudet and New York University, Nguyen's theme was Asian deaf identity and the challenge of cultural assimilation.

Father Gerard Trancone, chaplain in the Office of Campus Ministries and director of deaf ministries for the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., was honored by the International Catholic Deaf Association as recipient of the Rev. John B. Gallagher Award for 25 years of dedicated service in the deaf Catholic community, according to the July 24 issue of *The Catholic Standard*. The newsletter added that the new president of the ICDA is **Peter Un**, database administrator in Information Technology Services, and a member of St. Francis of Assisi Deaf Catholic Church, Landover Hills, Md., who is pursuing a master's degree in deaf ministry at St. Thomas University in Miami, Fla.

Steve Blehm ('78) netted the number 22 spot on the list of North Dakota's top athletes in *Sports Illustrated* magazine's compilation of the 50 greatest athletes for each state. Blehm gained the ranking for his performance as a guard for the North Dakota School for the Deaf basketball team, where he scored a state record of 3,930 points from 1970 to 1973.



Summer Literacy Institute participants enjoy a literacy exercise outdoors.



CLERC CENTER HAPPENINGS

Clerc Center hosts Summer Literacy Institute

By Susan M. Flanigan

The Clerc Center welcomed 72 participants for its first Summer Literacy Institute, held July 7 to 11 at the Gallaudet University Kellogg Conference Center. The institute combined the best of the Clerc Center's literacy workshops into one high-impact week. President Jordan, Provost Jane Fernandes, and Clerc Center Dean Katherine Jankowski welcomed the participants to this important time for learning and reflection.

Designed especially for educators and other professionals who work with deaf and hard of hearing students, the Summer Literacy Institute provided participants with research-based content and hands-on opportunities to practice and develop new skills. Participants came from 14 states, Puerto Rico, the Bahamas, and Canada, including a large group of graduate students from San Jose State University in California.

"Without a doubt, this was the best series of workshops I have participated in during my 10 years of teaching," said participant Francine McKenzie, a teacher at the Bahamas Red Cross Centre for the Deaf in Nassau. "I feel so overwhelmed with all I've

learned from not only the presenters but during my interaction with other participants as well. When I got home I gabbed for two full hours with my principal, just giving her an overview of the week!"

A second Summer Literacy Institute is planned for 2004. 



President Jordan addresses the participants at the Clerc Center's first Summer Literacy Institute.



Robert Traina, community services program coordinator in the Student Affairs and an activity coordinator for the MSM Productions Ltd. William "Dummy" Hoy Committee, stands beside the new marker paying tribute to Hoy, the legendary deaf professional baseball player, which was erected at Hoy field in late June. Funds for the marker were raised by the Department of Athletics, Student Affairs, and the Bison Boosters. The Cincinnati Reds inducted Hoy into

the Hall of Fame at the city's new Great American Ball Park on August 3. The Hoy Committee's goal is to have him inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame. A history of Hoy can be found at www.dummyhoy.com.



Family and co-workers of Arthur Schildroth, a retired senior research associate in the Gallaudet Research Institute who died April 7, gathered outside Denison House August 1 for a tree-planting ceremony in his memory. (LEFT) (From left) President Jordan, GRI Director Michael Karchmer, Schildroth's widow, Claudia, former Office of Demographic Studies Director Peter Ries, and GRI Research Editor and ceremony organizer Robert C. Johnson are shown in front of the white ash tree before the planting. (RIGHT) Claudia Schildroth puts the ashes of her late husband into the ground beside the tree, assisted by her grandchildren, Sonia (left) and Adriana Gonzalez.

